

ARTICLE VI. OTHER UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND RESOURCES

601. Alcohol and Other Drugs at Loyola University Chicago

Students at Loyola are expected to follow all laws pertaining to alcohol and other drug consumption. The most important reason for this expectation is student safety. While many Loyola students choose not to drink alcohol or use other drugs, the University understands that regardless of policies or laws, some will. Students must always exercise good judgment and safe decision-making when it comes to these important issues.

For a more in-depth description of the University's perspective and policies on alcohol and other drugs, as well as various other related resources, please review the full [Loyola University Chicago Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy](#).

602. Behavioral Concerns Team (BCT)

The Behavioral Concerns Team ("BCT") is housed within the Office of the Dean of Students (DOS) and serves as the centralized coordinated body for discussion and action regarding students exhibiting behaviors that indicate distress, cause a disturbance in the community, and/or present a danger to oneself or others. Committed to proactive, early intervention, the BCT supports students directly and through consultation with campus partners. When necessary, the BCT also assesses risk of harm to the University community and coordinates appropriate action to ensure the safety of individual students and the University at large. To file a BCT report, visit the [BCT referral form](#).

Students who are contacted under the purview of the BCT are expected to comply with requests of staff as needed to ensure the safety of the student and the rest of the University community. For more information about the BCT, please visit www.luc.edu/bct.

603. Free Expression: Student Demonstration and Fixed Exhibit Policy

As an institution committed to social justice and higher education in the Jesuit tradition, Loyola University Chicago recognizes the importance of its role as a marketplace of ideas, where freedom of inquiry and open exchange of conflicting viewpoints is supported and encouraged. Such discourse is essential for the University to uphold the Jesuit mission of "service of faith and promotion of justice."

Accordingly, all Loyola students have the right to freedom of speech, expression, and assembly, including but not limited to, timely demonstrations in response to current events.

Students are free to express their views individually or in organized groups, on any topic, on all Chicago campuses, subject only to rules necessary to preserve the equal rights of others and the other functions of the University. For the purposes of this policy, the term "demonstration" will refer broadly to the organized display of these rights.

Free expression may also take the form of fixed exhibits, such as ribbons or banners tied to trees or lamp posts; temporary walls or other erected structures; or flags, crosses, signs, or other items planted in the ground.

Demonstrations and fixed exhibits – regardless of the content or viewpoints expressed – are permitted on Loyola's Lake Shore and Water Tower campuses so long as they are orderly, lawful, and congruent with the standards below and all other policies within the *Community Standards*.

1. Demonstrations

The right of students to demonstrate on campus may not interfere with the rights of others to engage in and benefit from the educational programs and services of the University. Accordingly, demonstrations are subject to the following standards regarding the time, place, and manner in which they occur:

a. Time

Demonstrations must occur within the hours of normal operations for the facility or space in which they occur (if applicable). Demonstrations are prohibited during final exams.

b. Place

Demonstrations may not take place indoors with the exception of the Damen Student Center (LSC) and the Terry Student Center (WTC), or in any space that has been concurrently reserved by other members of the University community or guests. Demonstrations may not impede the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, block thoroughfares, or obstruct the entry or exit points of campus buildings.

c. Manner

As a Jesuit institution, the manner in which Loyola students engage in civil discourse – regardless of content or viewpoints being expressed – is held to a high standard. Just as students are encouraged to engage in critical thought and social action, so are they expected to do so in a civil manner that honors the inherent dignity of all people, even those who may disagree.

Therefore, demonstrations may not take place in a manner that endangers the University community, violates the law, defames a specific individual, constitutes a genuine threat or harassment, unjustifiably invades the rights of others, or interrupts the functioning of the University. Additionally, outdoor demonstrations may not utilize amplified sound in a manner that substantially interferes with classes or other events in progress. The use of sidewalk chalk is strictly prohibited.

Additionally, demonstrators may not claim to speak for or otherwise represent the position of the University, unless officially sanctioned by the Dean of Students.

d. Notifications

Individual students or recognized student organizations intending to organize a demonstration are encouraged to notify the Office of the Dean of Students (“DOS”) at least two business days before the demonstration. Upon receiving notification, a representative of the DOS will offer to meet with organizers to provide appropriate support and resources to mitigate risk and protect participants’ rights. Notifications received fewer than two business days before the demonstration may be reviewed subject to staff availability; however, support and resources may be limited. This meeting is not an attempt by the University to censor or otherwise limit content or viewpoint, but rather to advise organizers regarding applicable standards for time, place, and manner.

2. **Fixed Exhibits**

Fixed exhibits, due to their unique nature, must be coordinated with the DOS in consultation with other stakeholders (Campus Reservations, Campus Safety, Facilities, etc.). Individual students or recognized student organizations wishing to sponsor a fixed exhibit must submit a request by emailing the Office of the Dean of Students at deanofstudents@luc.edu at least two business days before installation. Following receipt of this request, the sponsoring party must meet with a member of the DOS to discuss expectations, rights, responsibilities, and logistical considerations (time, place, and manner), which must be mutually understood and accepted. Requests will be considered without regard to content or viewpoint.

Prior to the installation of the fixed exhibit, sponsoring parties will receive written notification of the agreed upon parameters from the DOS, which will have the effect of policy. Fixed exhibits may only remain displayed for five or fewer consecutive days and may not be displayed during University holidays. The sponsoring party is responsible for any damage to University property resulting from the exhibit.

3. **Accountability**

Demonstrations and fixed exhibits that appear to violate this or other policies of the *Community Standards* may be interrupted or stopped at the direction of the Dean of Students or designee. Upon report of any possible violation of these or other policies of the *Community Standards* that takes place as part of a demonstration or fixed exhibit, participants, organizers, or sponsors may be subject to the student conduct process.

604. **Good Samaritan and Medical Amnesty Protocol**

At Loyola University Chicago, student safety is paramount. In incidents of crisis or medical emergency, Loyola students are expected to care for themselves and for others in the Loyola community by getting help from appropriate officials even when violations of the *Community Standards* have occurred. Because the University understands that fear of disciplinary actions may